

REMARKS

The Examiner has indicated that the Oath/Declaration is defective, and has requested a substitute Oath/Declaration. Abeyance of this request in accordance with 37 CFR 1.111(b) and MPEP 714.02 is requested. A substitute Oath/Declaration will be provided upon receipt of an indication of allowance.

Claims 1-20 are pending.

Allowance of claims 11-14 is acknowledged with thanks.

Claims 1, 8 and 9 have been amended to address the indefiniteness objections identified by the Examiner. Specifically, the expression “a magnitude likely to cause” in claims 1 and 8 has been replaced with the expression “exceeding a magnitude which .. can”. It is believed that this expression is sufficiently definite. As well, for clarity, the term “typical” in claim 9, has been replaced with “indicative of”. In view of these amendments, it is believed claims 1, 8 as well as dependent claims 2-7 and 9-10 are in condition for allowance.

Independent claims 15 and 20 have been rejected under 35 USC 102 as clearly anticipated by US Patent No. 4,442,514 to Roth (hereinafter “Roth”). Claims 15 and 20 have been amended to clarify that the claimed alarm signal receiving arrangement is in communication with an alarm sensor and that the detecting circuit provides a caution signal independent of, and additional to, the alarm signal. By contrast, the alarm of Roth includes a single transducer in communication with a single classification and detection logic circuit classifying various transducer conditions, including lightning.

Use of an alarm signal receiving arrangement in communication with a sensor, for providing received alarm signals to the signal processing arrangement, and a detecting circuit providing a caution signal independent of the alarm signals, as claimed in claim 15 of the present application allows for the independent generation and of alarm and caution signals. Independent alarm and caution signals may be reporting and used as disclosed. Such independent signals are simply not disclosed by Roth. Moreover, inclusion of a sensor and a detection circuit that independently and additionally provides a caution signal in the alarm of Roth is similarly not

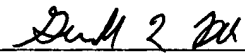
suggested, as it would increase the cost of the alarm of Roth and change its operation. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 15 and 20 is respectfully requested.

Claims 16 to 19 have been rejected under 35 USC 103 as obvious in view of Roth and US Patent No. 6,134,303 to Chen. As claims 16 to 19 depend on claim 15, withdrawal of this rejection, for the reasons set out above, is also requested.

In view of the foregoing, claims 1-20 should be in a condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited.

No new matter has been added by these amendments.

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